



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Sarah S. Benson *Sarah S. Benson*
SUBJECT: Appointment to the Committee on the Professions
DATE: November 3, 2022

AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents approve the appointments of Sharon Cates-Williams, Owen Donovan, Eric Greppo, Victoria Hay, Evan Seiden and Paul Thompson to the Committee on the Professions?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by Rules of the Board of Regents.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the Board of Regents for action at its November 2022 meeting.

Procedural History

Part 24 of the Rules of the Board of Regents establishes the Committee on the Professions and requires the appointment of members by the Board of Regents.

Background Information

The Committee on the Professions (COP) was established by the Board of Regents to assist the Board in supervising admission to and regulation of the licensed professions. Composed of Department officers designated by the Board and working in panels of three, the COP considers atypical licensure cases wherein applicants seek to meet given requirements by submitting credentials that are the substantial equivalent in scope and content to those normally presented. The COP also makes final determinations concerning questions of moral character for purposes of initial licensure;

hears and makes recommendations to the Regents concerning requests for restoration of a professional license that has been revoked or surrendered; and reviews and makes recommendations to the Regents on proposed penalties in consent orders related to professional misconduct.

Due to new Executive Secretaries having been recently appointed by the Board of Regents to various State Boards, the departure of several members of the Committee on the Professions and the substantial workloads carried by current Committee members, it has become more difficult to plan meetings of the COP for which the requisite 3-member panel must be selected. As a result, additional Committee members are needed. Accordingly, I am recommending the addition of the following individuals to the roster of COP members (attached):

- Sharon Cates-Williams, Executive Deputy Commissioner
- Owen Donovan, Executive Coordinator for Professional Practice
- Eric Greppo, Executive Secretary for the State Boards of Engineering, Land Surveying, Geology, and Interior Design
- Victoria Hay, Director of Legal & Regulatory Affairs
- Evan Seiden, Executive Secretary for the State Boards of Mental Health Practitioners and Social Work
- Paul Thompson, Executive Secretary for the State Boards of Applied Behavior Analysis, Massage Therapy, and Respiratory Therapy

They have expressed interest in participating in the licensing and disciplinary processes by serving on the COP and would be valuable additions to the Committee.

Related Regent's Items

Not applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: that the Board of Regents approve the attached roster of the Committee on the Professions, effective November 15, 2022.

Timetable for Implementation

If the Regents approve, the appointments will take effect immediately.

**Committee on the Professions
Roster of Members
(Effective November 15, 2022)**

Sarah S. Benson, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Professions

Stephen Boese, Executive Secretary for the State Boards of Medicine, Athletic Trainers Committee, Medical Physics Committee, Dietetics and Nutrition, and Veterinary Medicine

Sharon Cates-Williams, Executive Deputy Commissioner

Dolores Cottrell, Executive Secretary for the State Boards of Dentistry, Chiropractic, and Optometry

Owen Donovan, Executive Coordinator for Professional Practice

Thania Fernández, Executive Secretary for the State Boards of Ophthalmic Dispensing, Physical Therapy, and Podiatry

Eric Greppo, Executive Secretary for the State Boards of Engineering, Land Surveying, Geology, and Interior Design

David H. Hamilton, Assistant Commissioner for Professional Licensing and Practice

Victoria Hay, Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs

Dina Jazrawi, Executive Secretary for the State Boards of Pharmacy and Midwifery

Jason Kramer, Executive Secretary for the State Boards of Acupuncture, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Language Pathology and Audiology and the Professional Assistance Program

Robert Lopez, Executive Secretary for the State Boards of Architecture and Landscape Architecture

Ceylane Meyers-Ruff, Deputy Commissioner, Adult Career and Continuing Education Services

Phyllis Morris, Chief Financial Officer

William Murphy, Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Higher Education

Thomas J. Ruller, Assistant Commissioner and State Archivist

Evan Seiden, Executive Secretary for the State Boards of Mental Health Practitioners and Social Work

Mark Shaming, Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Cultural Education

Suzanne Sullivan, Executive Secretary for the State Boards of Nursing and Clinical Laboratory Technology

Paul Thompson, Executive Secretary for the State Boards of Applied Behavior Analysis, Massage Therapy, and Respiratory Therapy

Jennifer Winters, Executive Secretary for the State Boards of Certified Shorthand Reporting and Public Accountancy